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SERIAL No.: to be accorded ART UNIT: 3732
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TITLE: COMPRESSION BONE STAPLE AND APPLICATOR

PRIOR APPLICATION:

Serial No. 09/ 500,060, filed 02/08/00
Title: Compression Bone Staple Apparatus and
Method .
Art Unit: 3732
Examiner: Robert, Eduardo C.

CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53 (b)

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing of a continuation of a pending prior application Serial No. 09/ 500,060, of Drew Allen, filed 02/08/00 for Compression Bone Staple, Apparatus and Method, a continuation of application No. 09/299,285 filed 04/26/99, U.S. Pat. No. 6,059,787.

In support of this application find enclosed:

1. A check for \$345.00 for the application filing fee.
2. A complete copy of the above-identified prior pending application as originally filed, including the declaration, drawings and original claims, is also enclosed.
3. A new declaration.
4. A Verified Statement to establish Small Entity Status under CFR 1.9 and 1.27

5. A preliminary amendment (to the Section 1.53(b) application). Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
6. Address all future communication to: Charles C. Corbin, P.O. Box 873, HMDX, Hamilton, Bermuda. Phone No. 441-292-5037.
7. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application of Drew Allen, as originally filed 2/08/00.

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